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DISTRICT

ROADMAP TO CONGRESSIONAL REFORM

GET RID OF CAREER POLITICIANS

- **Constitutional Term Limits**

Members of Congress come to DC for the best job of their lives and never leave - we need to make sure our government is by the people, of the people, and working for the people.

- **Allowing Members to Opt Out of their Federal Pension**

Members of Congress are automatically opted into a federal pension system, giving thousands of former legislators a pension for life. We currently spend over \$35 million a year on Congressional pensions alone. We should have the option to opt out of this so those tax dollars can be spent on programs to help Americans.

DRAIN THE SWAMP

- **Stop the Revolving Door Act**

It is a privilege to represent your community and serve them in Congress. Members shouldn't be motivated to run for office because of potentially lucrative contracts as a lobbyist following their time on Capitol Hill.

- **Congressional Foreign Lobbying Act**

Similarly, Members who represent their community and work for the betterment of America should not leave Congress and register as a foreign agent.

MAKE CONGRESS DO THEIR JOB

- **No Budget, No Pay**

If Congress can't pass a budget by April 15, as required by the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, Congress shouldn't get paid. Our most basic Constitutional responsibility is to write a budget and fund the government. We haven't completed the whole process since 1997. If we can't do that, we should not earn a paycheck.

- **No Budget, No Recess**

If Congress can't pass a budget, we shouldn't be allowed to go home. Funding the government is an incredibly important responsibility, if we have not accomplished a budget by April 15, or fully appropriated funds by August 1, Congress should not be allowed to recess.

- **Read the Bills Act**

All too often, Members of Congress are given hundreds - or even thousands - of pages of bill text with mere moments to read it before the vote is called. There is no possible way of knowing what is included in the bill if Members don't have adequate time to read it. This bill requires bill text to be published for a full week before a vote so Members can fully understand what they're voting on.

ELIMINATE SPECIAL INTERESTS

- **Earmark Elimination Act**

Earmarks for special interests is one of the slimy practices that make Americans feel cut off from their elected officials. We must root out even the appearance of corruption in government. We cannot allow this practice to ever return to Congress.

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